

Kaptur, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said bankers, instead of awarding performances, "should try to make up to the country for some of the damage they have caused. It's getting worse all across the country: more unemployment, more foreclosures, more bank closures."

Kaptur, a consistent critic of Wall Street, cited "a culture of greed and excess that operates at the highest levels in our culture. We need a country that changes from greed and excess to financial responsibility and prudence, certainly in the banking sector. They should be leaders, but they are part of the problem, not part of the solution."

Kaptur also reiterated her call for 1,000 Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who would be assigned to cases of suspected mortgage or securities fraud.